Plan for DTH by Prasar Bharati Corporation

2794. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prasar Bharati Corporation's plan to launch DTH has been cleared by the Department of Space;

(b) if so, whether Government now propose to telecast all the channels through DTH and to check interferences of the cable operators; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Doordarshan have formulated a scheme to provide TV coverage through satellite transmission in Ku-band. Underthe scheme it would be possible for the viewers to receive the signals directly from satellite, with the help of a small dish antenna and set top box alongwith TV receiver.The scheme of "Ku-band" transmission is yet to be approved by the competent authority. Department of Space have informed Doordarshan that they would be able to provide the required number of Ku-band transponders for the above service.

Degree/Diploma by IIMC

2795. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that degrees/diplomas awarded by the Indan Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), New Delhi in the field of Public Relations are not being recognised and considered by several PSUs specially in the petroleum sector in their recruitment procedure;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to ensure for recognition of these degrees/diplomas;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD):(a) The Ministry has not received any complaint regarding non-recognition of IIMC's PG Diploma Course in Advertising and Public Relations. Ministry of Human